

AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A method of establishing an electrical connection between at least one connecting piece (9) of a workpiece (11) and at least one wire (6) comprising:

- preparing an end of the at least one wire (6) with a contact piece (1) matched to the connecting piece (9);
- positioning the contact piece (1) on the connecting piece (9); and
- welding the connecting piece (6) by laser radiation.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the contact piece (1) is pressed onto the wire end.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein the contact piece (1) is plugged onto the connecting piece (9) for the positioning.

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6. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein, prior to the laser welding, the positioning of the contact piece on the connecting piece (9) is monitored.

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7. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein each workpiece (11) has at least two connecting pieces (9) and one wire (6) is connected to each connecting piece (9).